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SUBJECT: MORE FRG PRESS REACTION TO THE SECRETARY'S

ENERGY SPEECH

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1. INDUSTRY-MINDED HANDELSBLATT, IN A WASHINGTON DATELINED STORY, SEES IN KISSINGER'S SPEECH A CLEAR LINE, I.E., THE ATTEMPT TO MOBILIZE ALL FORCES IN THE PRODUCER COUNTRIES WITHOUT DIRECT CONFRONTATION, WITHOUT EMBARGOS, AND WITHOUT A RELAPSE INTO PROTECTIONISM OF TRADE AND CAPITAL MOVEMENT. WITH THIS SPEECH, THE TUG-OF-WAR FOR THE "CORRECT" STRATEGY OF AN ENERGY POLICY HAS COME MORE INTO THE LIME-LIGHT. REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS, THE PAPER ASKS, HOWEVER, WHO IS REALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR AMERICAN ENERGY COOPERATION COMMITMENTS: KISSINGER, MORTON, SIMON, THE MIGHTY IN CONGRESS? IT ADDS THAT PRESIDENT FORD DOES NOT SEEM ABLE TO PROVIDE HIS FOREIGN MINISTER WITH DOMESTIC PROGRAMS WHICH WOULD RENDER POSSIBLE A DRASTIC OIL IMPORT REDUCTION IN COMING YEARS AS HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY KISSINGER.

2. FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE LINKS THE CHICAGO SPEECH

WITH GISCARD'S PROPOSED ENERGY CONFERENCE. KISSINGER HAS MADE IT CLEAR, THE PAPER SAYS, THAT THERE WAS NO SENSE IN NEGOTIATING WITH THE OIL COUNTRIES BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES HAD DEVELOPED A FIRM COMMON POSITION. THIS MEANS, WASHINGTON WILL HARDLY TAKE PART IN A CONFERENCE OF INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES, OIL PRODUCERS AND LDCS AS LONG AS THERE DOES NOT EXIST A COMMON LINE; AND THE PARIS CONFERENCE PROPOSAL WOULD PRACTICALLY BE MEANINGLESS WITHOUT US PARTICIPATION. IT WILL THEREFORE NOW BE UP TO THE EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT CHIEFS TO REACT.

3. NEUE RHEINZEITUNG THINKS THAT THE MASSIVE APPEAL OF HENRY KISSINGER WILL MEET WITH OPPOSITION PARTICULARLY FROM THE FRENCH. HOWEVER, IT ADDED THAT NO ONE CAN DENY THAT THE PRESENT SITUATION REPRESENTS A CHALLENGE TO INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES LIKE NONE SINCE 1945.

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EVERYTHING KISSINGER PROPOSED TO ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE WAS TO THE POINT. BUT A PREREQUISITE FOR ANY RESULT IS A MINIMUM OF SOLIDARITY. THE HISTORIAN KISSINGER

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KNOWS THAT THE ARAB STATES WILL MAKE FULL USE OF THEIR

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NEWLY GAINED POWER. THE WESTERN WORLD MUST THEREFORE GET RID OF ITS COMPLEXES OF INFERIORITY AND COME TO THINK OF ITS OWN STRENGTH. A LACK OF COMMON ACTION ENDANGERS MORE THAN THE BALANCES OF PAYMENT. IN THE LONG RUN, THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS AT STAKE AND KISSINGER'S JUSTIFIED WARNINGS ALSO IN THIS POINT WERE NOT TO BE IGNORED.

4. RHEINISCHE POST SEES IN KISSINGER'S SPEECH THE BASIC LINES OF US ENERGY POLICY DEVELOPED AFTER THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. THE US HAS TAKEN A MARKEDLY TOUGHER POSITION TOWARDS OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND REJECTS ANY CONFERENCE BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS UNTIL THE CONSUMER COUNTRIES HAVE DEVELOPED A SOLIDARITY AMONG THEMSELVES WHICH GIVES THEM A TRUMP FOR SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PRODUCER COUNTRIES. SOME OF KISSINGER'S REMARKS INDICATE THAT HIS RECENT ENDEAVORS IN ARAB COUNTRIES FOR OIL PRICE REDUCTIONS HAVE BEEN WITHOUT SUCCESS.

THE WARNING AGAINST A NEW OIL EMBARGO UNDERLINES AMERICA'S FEAR OF ARAB RETALIATION IF THE NEAR EAST PEACE TALKS SHOULD COLLAPSE. IT IS UNQUESTIONABLE, HOWEVER, THE PAPER CONCLUDES, WHETHER KISSINGER'S APPEAL FOR COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY WILL FALL ON FERTILE GROUND IN EUROPE AND JAPAN.
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